

STL Maker Studios F.A.Q.

What happened?

As you may already know, effective November 15th, TechShop closed for business.

What's happening now?

The existing makerspace at 4260 Forest Park Ave. will open as Maker Studios under a new organization on November 28th. This is a temporary solution meant to help the community of makers that were so abruptly displaced by the closing of TechShop on November 15, 2017. Maker Studios will close on December 30th to prepare for relocation in 2018.

What if I had a paid up membership with TechShop?

Unfortunately that's an issue for the TechShop trustee. You may email the trustee at trustee.techshop@gmail.com

The Gift

Cortex, Jim McKelvey and Third Degree Glass Factory (TDGF) have gifted us the opportunity to open Maker Studios in 4260 through the month of December. In addition to opening, a coupon to be used at Maker Studios will be given to all previously active techshop members to use toward use of the facility and tools during the month of December.

How can I redeem my gift?

By the end of the week, specific instructions on how to redeem the gift will be emailed to each former member (at the email address on your TS account) whose membership was active as of November 15, 2017.

Please Note: This gift will not transfer to the new location.

Do I have access to equipment?

If you were a current TechShop member whose active membership was halted on Wednesday...the answer is yes! With the help of Jim McKelvey, Cortex, and TDGF, the facilities previously known as TechShop will open as Maker Studios on Tuesday November 28th and remain open 5 days a week until the end of December. We have been working very hard to reinvent what your makerspace looks like, and how it can be sustainable in the future.

What are the new hours of operation?

Tuesday - Saturday, 11am - 9pm
November 28th - December 30th

Who is going to be running the Maker Studios during December?

Doug Auer, Co-founder of TDGF will be overseeing the operation of the facility. Some former TechShop employees will be engaged to continue the day-to-day operation.

How is the model of operations changing?

Nobody wants to go through this again. Over the past 5 days, we have been developing a more sustainable operations model which appropriately reflects the value of our equipment and the staffing needed to maintain it.

If you were a current TechShop member whose active membership was halted on Wednesday, Maker Studios will be open for you during the month of December, and you may use the machines and shop zones (i.e., wood shop, metal machining shop) at a rate of \$10/hr. Our long term goal is to develop a model that allows for flexible making and fabrication for all levels. More on this in the coming weeks.

How do I reserve equipment?

Equipment can now be reserved online at www.STLmakers.com. This is a temporary solution, piggybacking on some of TDGF's existing infrastructure to get us up and running quickly. Please be patient with us as we design something more sleek and user-friendly.

Once you are on the site you will see the option to reserve either an individual machine or a shop zone. Your gifted credit can be used towards your reservations.

When can I make my reservation?

Registration is live as of right now at www.STLmakers.com

Where is our community moving to?

A location has yet to be determined, but we are committed to staying within the city limits, ideally the same zip code.

How can I stay up to date?

Ask to join the Facebook community at [Maker Studios STL](#), follow us on Twitter [@MakerStudiosSTL](#), Instagram [makerstudiosstl](#) and stay tuned for emails. Visit www.STLmakers.com and fill out the form at the bottom of the screen to receive updates. If you have not been receiving emails and are a previous TechShop member whose membership was halted, please contact us at members@stlmakers.com.

I want to help. What can I do?

Go to www.STLmakers.com and use the "I want to help" link at the bottom of the page.

Who can I contact with further questions?

For all questions regarding TechShop, TechShop membership, refunds, invoicing, and TechShop brand issues, contact trustee.techshop@gmail.com

For all questions regarding our new makerspace, this community of makers, how to get involved, volunteering, and anything else, contact members@stlmakers.com.